

MINUTES OF THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012, AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE CHAMBERS OF TOWN HALL, LOCATED AT 775 NORTH MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, ARIZONA.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Smith, Raasch, Celaya, Hawkins, Woolridge, Brown
Absent: Kilvinger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Tom Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Call to the Public for public comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the Town Council. Council rules limit public comment to three minutes. Individual Councilmembers may respond to criticism made by those commenting, may ask staff to review a matter raised or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of Council shall not discuss or take action on any matter during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

Tara Walter, 2231 N. Smithsonian Drive, Florence, Arizona, thanked the staff for their support in the election process.

CONSENT: All items indicated by an (*) will be handled by a single vote as part of the consent agenda, unless a Councilmember or a member of the public objects at the time the agenda item is called.

***Ratification of the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce's application for a Special Event Liquor License for a Red Party Cup Open House held March 30, 2012.**

***Authorization to accept a the donation of a Snap-On tool box with tools, a pulse oximeter, and a heat stress monitor from the Pinal County Sheriff's Office, approximate value \$4,500.**

***Acceptance of John M. Shaw, III's resignation from the Redevelopment Commission.**

***Acceptance of Paul E. McClellan's resignation from the Industrial Development Authority.**

***Approval of the 2012 Groundwater Saving Agreement with Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority and Maricopa-Stanfield Irrigation and Drainage District.**

***Approval of the March 5, 2012, and March 19, 2012 Town Council meeting minutes.**

***Receive and file the following Board and Commission meeting minutes:**

January 18, 2012 and February 15, 2012 Joint-Use Library Advisory Board Minutes

September 15, 2011 Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes

On motion of Councilmember Raasch, seconded by Councilmember Celaya and carried to approve the Consent Agenda as written.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 574-12:

Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk, read Ordinance No. 574-12 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MONTERRA PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) (CASE NO. PZC-06-12-PUDA) (First reading held March 19, 2012).

Councilmember Celaya asked Mr. Mark Eckhoff, Community Development Director, to comment on the exit strategies.

Mr. Mark Eckhoff, Community Development Director, said there were two conditions added to the ordinance, Item Numbers 6 and 7. They reference what would happen when the use ceases to exist and how the land would be repurposed for the subsequent land use. It will clarify that the subsequent land use is residential as depicted in the Monterra Plan. There will also be a follow-up requirement for them to have more details spelled out in a decommissioning plan, which will detail how they are to remove the property and return it to a developable state.

On motion of Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Raasch and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 574-12.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 1339-12:

Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk, read Resolution No. 1339-12 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING AND ADOPTING THE RESULTS OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 13, 2012.

Ms. Garcia said the Town held an All-Mail Ballot Election, which was very successful. She said 52% of the registered voters voted in this election, which is a considerable increase from previous elections. She said voter registration increased by 295 people from the 2010 General Election to the 2012 Primary Election. The election results are:

Mayoral Seat:

Lina Austin	966 votes
Tom Rankin	1,119 votes

Ms. Garcia said Mr. Rankin will receive a Certificate of Election from the Clerk's Office once Council adopts the resolution.

Councilmember Seats:

Barbara A. Brown	916 votes
Ed Curran	482 votes
Bill Hawkins	1,040 votes
Eugene Klix	345 votes
Ruben Montaño	778 votes
Larry Putrick	792 votes
Terry Thomas	700 votes
Tara Walter	765 votes

Ms. Garcia said the top six vote getters do go on to the General Election, which will also be an All-Mail Ballot Election.

On motion of Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Celaya and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1339-12.

CALL TO THE COUNCIL

Councilmember Hawkins said that he read in the Arizona Republic that House Bill 2199 is to be voted on today. He said under this House Bill, the Arizona mining industry is pushing a bill that would shield them in cases of environmental contamination from civil lawsuits and penalties. The bill would prevent regulators, such as the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality from using any audit findings during an investigation and penalize whistleblowers if they divulge any violations and would keep the information out of the public record. He said he can't believe that anyone would consider a bill such as this. He said they think it will pass. He said he is not sure if it passed. He said if it did pass, then why do they have a Department of Environmental Quality.

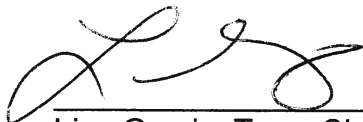
ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Raasch and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.



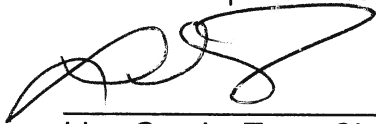
Tom Smith, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Florence Town Council meeting held on April 2, 2012, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk